

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 750

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A RESOLUTION to designate September 2006 as "Writing Month" in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly firmly believes in the importance of encouraging excellent writing skills among our youth; indeed, the ability to communicate well is the foundation for academic and professional success; and

WHEREAS, the Christian Writers Ministry Network was founded at the John Wesley United Methodist Church on August 5, 2000, under the leadership of Dr. Harriette Bias-Insignares, who has served as Tennessee's distinguished Ambassador of Letters, Official State Poet, and arts advocate, and Mrs. Carol Overton, evangelist and poet; and

WHEREAS, under the direction of Elder Kenneth R. Edmondson, the Christian Writers Ministry Network is a fellowship of writers whose mission is to promote the publication of Christian writings, recognize the outstanding contributions made by persons of goodwill through awards and honors, expose youth to models that enhance students' ability to develop as well-rounded communicators, and encourage the appreciation and value of writing as a pathway to academic success and deeper spiritual understanding; and

WHEREAS, since 1994, the Music City Chapter of the Links has utilized the expertise and talents of the Christian Writers Ministry Network and the Writing Excellence Campaign, founded by Dr. Bias-Insignares, in its work with the Girls Summer Institute, an outreach program devoted to improving the self-esteem of young girls; and

WHEREAS, the Writing Excellence Campaign has served fourteen colleges and universities in eleven states and in South Africa, as well as numerous middle schools and high schools; and

WHEREAS, so that all children might improve their communication skills, the Christian Writers Ministry Network encourages all Tennessee writers to champion the cause of improving writing skills among our youth by joining the Writing Excellence Campaign in supporting the establishment of "Writing Month" in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, "Writing Month" in Tennessee is designed to bring writers into classrooms on a daily basis at the beginning of each school year; by mentoring students, these committed writers will help the children of Tennessee establish a firm foundation for a lifetime of facility in written and verbal communication; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby designate September 2006 as "Writing Month" in Tennessee and encourage all writers to champion the cause of improving writing and linguistic skills among our youth and to help students appreciate the value of writing as a pathway to academic success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.